

Vertical poem



Background

Taking the curriculum outdoors can have a considerably beneficial impact on the learning and development of young people. From enhancing problem solving skills to communication and resilience, outdoor learning provides endless opportunities for exploration, experimentation and contextual learning.

A pack of wildflower playing cards is a simple resource to engage a group of young people with a curriculum focused learning activity. Turning learning into a game is a winning formula.

Equipment

- Wildflower playing cards
- Resource sheet
- pen/pencil

Activity

- Gather the group and hand each child a wildflower playing card
- Hand out copies of the 'vertical poem' resource sheet
- Each child then goes off to find their flower and discover its qualities
- They then write a poem about their flower
- A collage of their poems can be arranged on a classroom wall

Review

- Children can share their poem with a friend
- They can give their poem to another person who's job is to work out which flower it is
- Discuss the reactions to the experience



Resource sheet - vertical poem

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